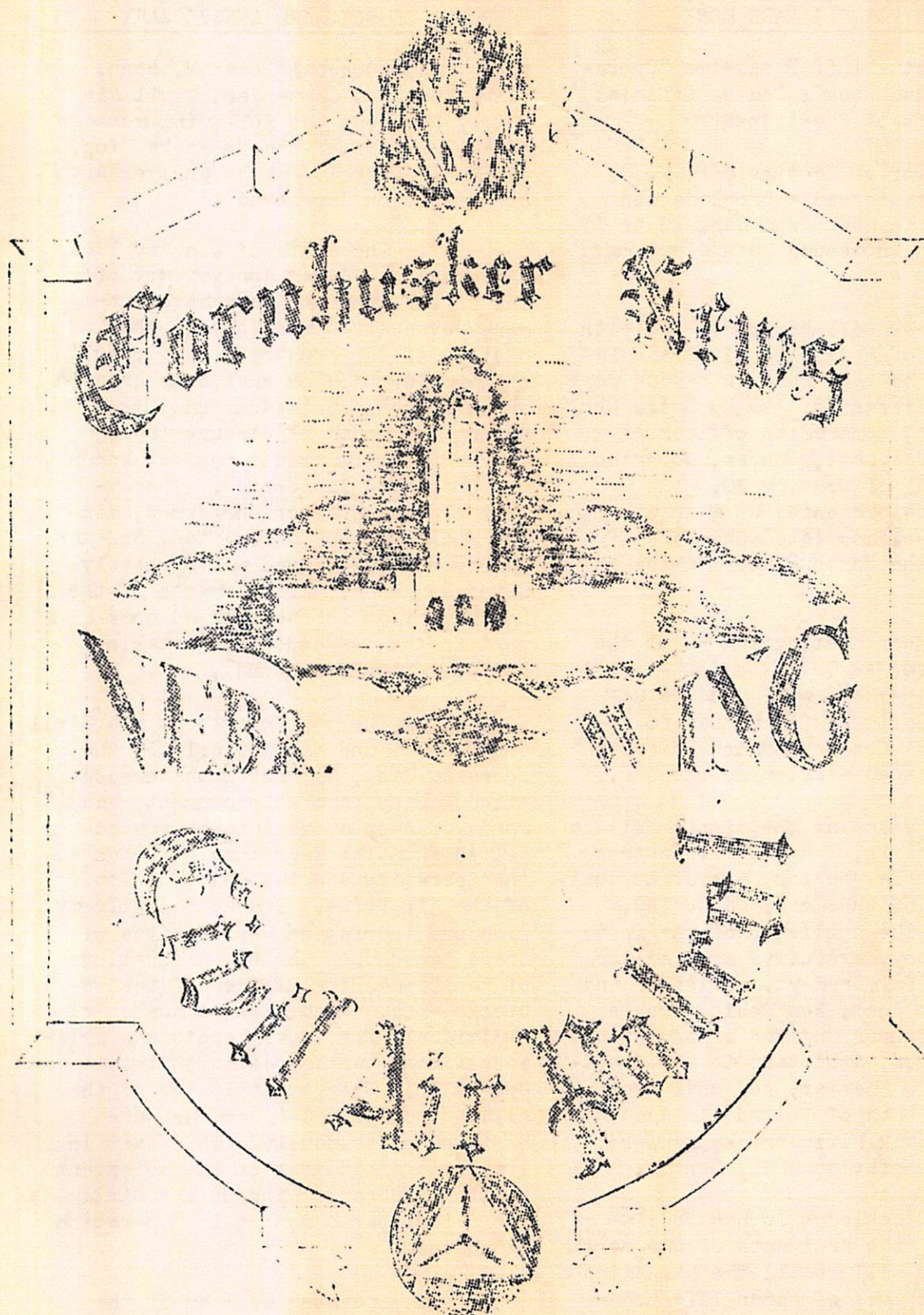


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CAP FLIERS IN GROUP 765 WILL RECEIVE AWARDS FOR BLIZZARD WORK

Mayor of Scottsbluff Proclaims "Operation Snowbound Week"; Denver Official to be Guest Speaker

The mayor of Scottsbluff, V. R. Blackledge has issued a proclamation setting out the week from Jan. 23 to 30 as "Operation Snowbound Week" in that city.

This week will be culminated with the awarding of medals to Civil Air Patrol fliers who took part in rescue work during the Blizzard of '49 by Brig. Gen. Warren Carter, commanding officer at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado on the evening of January 30. The awards will be presented at a regular meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the North Platte Valley at Scottsbluff.

The dinner meeting, at which the mayor of Denver -- Quigg Newton -- will be the main speaker, will find 26 CAP fliers from Scottsbluff and Bayard receiving awards for meritorious service and distinguished service in the CAP.

Other guests at the dinner will be Maj. Fred Bonfils, Denver Post business manager; Charles Buxton, assistant business manager of the Post; Ed Dooley, assistant to the publisher of the Post; Alexis McKinney, executive news editor of the Post; Palmer Hoyt, publisher and editor of the Post; Ben Essig, president of the Denver Chamber of Commerce; E. D. Nicholson, assistant to the president and Clyde Sherrar, regional traffic manager, both of United Airlines at Denver; and Jack Fitzpatrick, news editor for radio station KFEL, Denver.

Mayor Blackledge in his proclamation said, "the residents of the North Platte Valley will recall the hardships suffering and loss of human life occasioned by the never-to-be-forgotten blizzard of 1949." It is in recognition of the many individuals and organi-

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NATIONAL COMMANDER SENDS MESSAGE TO NEBRASKA ON BLIZZARD ANNIVERSARY

Major General Lucas V. Beau, USAF, National Commander, Civil Air Patrol has sent the following message to all members of the Nebraska Wing, Civil Air Patrol, on the anniversary of "Operation Snowbound".

"1. The month of January 1950 witnesses the first anniversary of one of the greatest search-rescue-mercy-evacuation missions in the history of our country. As a result of the overwhelming emergency created by unfavorable blizzard conditions during the month of January 1949, there was instigated a project known as "Operation Snowbound". The extent of the services performed, misery and suffering alleviated, and the number of lives saved will probably never be known. All elements of the Department of Defense played some part in the tremendous undertaking of "Operation Snowbound".

"2. The part played by the Civil Air Patrol, and particularly by the Nebraska Wing, has not gone unrecognized. Many favorable comments and words of deep appreciation were received from the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. It was recently my pleasure to prepare Certificates of Award based upon the recommendations of the Commanding Officer of the Nebraska Wing, which cited a number of individuals for their heroic and self-sacrificing participation in this Operation. Unfortunately two of the highest possible CAP awards were bestowed posthumously. This fact in itself is an indication to the extent that the Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol participated in "Operation Snowbound."

"3. Inasmuch as I am of the firm belief that in an Operation of this type only the completely outstanding individuals received

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CAP FLIERS TO BE HONORED (cont fr Page 1)

zations who gave so unselfishly of their time and effort to alleviate the suffering of their fellow men that the proclamation was made, Blackledge stated.

"These individuals and organizations will always have the much-deserved and un-dying gratitude of the storm victims," he said.

Topping the list of CAP fliers to be recognized will be Warrant Officer John C. Huff and William F. O'Brien, both of Alliance, who lost their lives in "Operation Snowbound" activities. Just how the posthumous awards will be made has not been fully arranged. The two will receive distinguished service awards. Receiving the same awards will be Maj. Mathew P. Brennan of Mitchell; Capt. Jack L. Lewis of Bayard; and Capt. William H. Ostenberg III of Scottsbluff.

An exceptional service award is to be made to Warrant Officer Virgil F. Plummer of Bayard.

Meritorious service awards are expected to be made to the following: Lt. Robert K. Knox, Lt. Everett L. Haxby, Chester Fliesbach, Kenneth E. Smith, Edwin W. Sievers, Earl Mead, Merwin Barfoot, Fay Clark, William R. Frank, Henry Schmunk, John Stacken, Lyle Anderson, Ralph Uhlken, Donald Pearson, Walter Kramer and Gene Chase, all of Scottsbluff, and Robert Schumacher of Minatare. The following are to receive the same awards, but may not be on hand for the ceremony; Donald Boyer, J. O. Butcher, William Grant, Sam Flint and V. L. Munger, all of Alliance, and Solomon Luft and Elmer L. Norman, both of Chadron. Several CAP cadets, including Wilfred Hunt, Glen Speer and James Stockwell, Jr., all of Bayard, are expected to receive the meritorious service awards.

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MITCHELL UNIT FINDS LOST "AIRCRAFT"
IN BROWN'S CANYON - OPERATION JACKPOT

"Operations Jackpot" was successfully executed by the Mitchell Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol on Sunday, January 8. The alarm was given at 10:30, and at 11:00 the mission had been assembled, briefed and launched. The mission was a search for a "lost aircraft". The lost aircraft was planted in a remote location the preceding day by Captain V. J. Piener, Operations Officer and Jim Casson--who were the only ones to know the location of the aircraft until a search group led by Cadet Art McKeown discovered it during the course of the search.

The search came as a complete surprise to the cadets and senior members, and when the alarm was given the members of the squadron rushed to the City Hall to be briefed by Captain H. L. Black, Squadron Commander, on what to look for and how the search would be conducted.

At 11:00 AM, the squadron headed for the Lanta Campbell farm, south-west of Mitchell, where the "plane" had last been sighted. The group traveled as far as Brown's Canyon via cars, and from there the search was conducted on foot. The various searches were commanded by walkie-talkie radio from the top of a nearby hill, where a command post had been set up by Springer Jones and Jay Bailey. They were connected to the field headquarters a half mile away by field telephone. Messages were relayed from headquarters to the command post and from there to the individual search units.

Four units, headed by Cadets Larry Birdsall, Art McKeown, Harold Kautz and Supply Officer Warner searched the hills from 11:30 till 3:00 PM, at which time the lost plane was located by Cadet McKeown's unit. They reported to headquarters at 3:00 that the plane had been found

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BOY SCOUTS VISIT NORTH PLATTE CAP UNIT

Boy Scout Troop 295, in line with their theme of the month, "Preparing for Trouble" hiked to the CAP headquarters at North Platte Municipal Airport on a recent Sunday.

Lt. Darrell Beckwith of the Civil Air Patrol explained the setup for emergencies, the walkie-talkie radio and a plan to include alerting of Boy Scouts in case of disaster or emergency.

Each boy was given a demonstration of the Link Trainer at the end of the program. Scoutmasters Gene Naviaux, Everett Slack and Eric Olsen accompanied the boys as did committee chairman Ed Johannesen.

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PUBLICITY RECEIVED BY NEBRASKA WING

Probably most of you have seen the January issue of AIR TRAILS MAGAZINE . . . cadets who attended summer encampment at Rapid City will be especially interested in this issue which carries a series of the photographs Captain Bowman took of camp activities.

Copies of the October issue of AIR TRAILS were sent to all unit commanders. In addition to the regular section on CAP, there is a special story, "Minutemen of the Air" on Page 36 of this issue which outlines the position of the Air National Guard in the present-day military organization known as the Department of Defense. This article should be of interest to all CAP members.

Major Mathew Brennan and Captain William Ostenberg of Group 705 are mentioned in the story, "Blizzard of '49", in the December issue of the READERS DIGEST.

The NEA JOURNAL for November, 1949 states that at least 175 high schools in 35 states have inaugurated aviation classes--most of which are using the CAP Aviation Study Manual.

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL BEAU (cont fr P 1)

individual recognition, I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to congratulate and to express appreciation to the various members of the Nebraska Wing who aided so magnificently without individual recognition in this project. I am also of the belief that a number of patriotic citizens, not then associated with the Civil Air Patrol, contributed to a great extent in this Operation, and a number of those persons are now counted in our midst. The words of appreciation I send herewith come from all elements of the Civil Air Patrol as a national organization. All who were in any way connected with "Operation Snowbound" in the near disastrous month of January 1949 are to be complimented, and they should realize that they are the recipients of our Nation's undying gratitude.

s/ Lucas V. Beau
LUCAS V. BEAU
Major General, USAF
Commanding"

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"OPERATIONS JACKPOT" HELD AT MITCHELL
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and the pilot (a dummy) had been killed in the crash.

During the search a plane flown alternately by Captain Black and Captain Pieper kept track of the units and messages were dropped from the plane to aid in the search.

As the search ended, Miss Wanda Campbell arrived at the headquarters and informed the squadron that they were invited to stop at the Campbell home for coffee and hamburgers. This invitation was readily accepted and as soon as the equipment was gathered and stowed away the squadron proceeded to the Campbell home where hamburgers, cake, doughnuts, and coffee were served to the 22 cadets and 10 senior members who took part in the operation.



WINGS FOR FIVE IN OMAHA SQUADRON 1

New Pilot Wings are gleaming on five proud breasts today and congratulations are in order for Captain Arthur J. Harwood, 2nd Lt. John F. Davey, S/Sgt. Ralph C. Matlack, Jr., S/Sgt. James R. Newton and Cpl. Wendell A. Kronberg.

Look in the near future for announcement of a Squadron 1 party, complete with wine, women and song, strictly on a minor scale. The party will serve two purposes; first, to acquaint other people with Squadron 1; and second, to recruit new members, which Squadron 1 needs badly. No definite plans have been made as yet, but the Staff Meeting on January 10 included a discussion of the problem and it is on the agenda for as many weeks as it takes to organize.

Compliments are in order to whoever is responsible for the floodlights around the CAP buildings at Carter Lake. Somebody is awake at least.

R/Sgt. James R. Newton
Omaha Squadron 1

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RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE VISITS SQ 1

The meeting of Omaha Squadron 1 members at Fort Omaha on January 12 opened at 7:30 p.m. with 100% attendance.

To get our meeting off to a good start, we had a very encouraging talk by Captain Simpson, the commander of Fort Omaha. He assured us that he is doing everything he can to maintain a permanent home for Squadron 1 at Fort Omaha. We really appreciate everything he has done.

We were very fortunate in having as our guest Mr. William J. O'Hearn, Red Cross representative who was formerly a CAP member. Mr. O'Hearn had planned to show the group a picture on Red Cross disasters but, as this film was not available, he showed a very interesting picture of the aircraft carrier "Franklin" and how it was bombed.

After the movie Mr. O'Hearn gave a talk on Red Cross disasters. He explained that the Omaha Red Cross covers Douglas, Saunders and Sarpy counties and is made up of the Fire Department, Police Department, the Mayor, Army Engineers and many loyal volunteers. He instructed the group on how to report a disaster to the Red Cross -- that is, to call the headquarters describing the accident as fully as possible, and giving the location.

It was suggested that the squadron take a Red Cross First Aid Course. The course consists of 18 hours which would be held for 2 hours every other meeting night and conducted by a Red Cross instructor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM, but a few of the members enjoyed a hot dog and a coke at the Navy's new Snack Bar before going home.

Donald J. Wheeler
PIO, Omaha Sq 1

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OMAHA SQUADRON 3 CADET NEWS ITEMSCADETS SEE MOVIE

The cadets of Omaha Squadron 3 saw the movie "Desert Victory" at their December 22nd meeting. The picture was about the desert battle against Rommel. The show was a part of a special meeting that was held before Christmas. An Abbott and Costello cartoon and a picture on "Street Fighting" also were shown.

CADETS TO LEARN CODE

A code class was started the last part of November for boys and girls in Squadron 3 who were interested in radio. However, due to cold weather the classes -- which were taught by Lt. Martin Helsing at the CAP Building at the airport -- have been discontinued temporarily. Lt. Helsing, Communications Officer of Squadron 3, and Robert Joneson, member of the Communications Section are endeavoring to secure meeting space at Tech Highschool for the group.

STAFF ATTENDS MILITARY BALL

Cadet staff officers of Squadron 3 attended the Annual Military Ball at North Highschool on 6 January 1950.

THREE CADETS HELP WING OFFICE

The Wing Headquarters personnel appreciated the fine help given by Cadets Bill Sudyka, Richard Barger and Cadet Lt. R. P. Ludacka -- who helped assemble and staple over 500 copies of last month's CORNHUSKER NEWS.

OMAHA CADETS FORM DISASTER UNIT

Cadet 1st Lt. Dewaine Sporer, Communications Officer has forwarded a copy of the Disaster Unit plan for the cadets of Squadron 3. They hope to have a dry run about the end of February, in preparation for the floods that occur between March and June. There are three girl cadets in the unit, which numbers approximately 20.

PROMOTIONS - NEBRASKA WING

In accordance with Personnel Orders issued by National Headquarters, the following promotions have been announced by the Wing Commander:

TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL:

Leonard J. Heinson, Organization
Inspector, Nebraska Wing

TO CAPTAIN:

Harold F. Black, Commanding Officer
Mitchell Squadron
H. L. Coleman, Commanding Officer
Grand Island Flight
William H. Ostenberg, III, Exec.
Officer, Group 765

TO FIRST LIEUTENANT:

Robert K. Knox, Commanding Officer,
Scottsbluff Squadron

AERONAUTICAL RATINGS - NEBRASKAPILOT:

Sgt. Robt. E. Clark, Hastings
John F. Davey, Omaha Sq 1
Merton L. Ekwall, Norfolk
Capt. Wm. M. Story, North Platte
Arthur J. Harwood, Omaha Sq 1

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REGULATION ON OTC RECEIVED BY WING

CAP Regulation 50-3, dated 2 Dec 49,
Subject: "Officer Training Corps-
Administration and Training" was
received by Wing Headquarters this
week and has been distributed to
all units.

This headquarters has been advised, however, that CAP Regulation 30-6, "Prescribed Uniform and Insignia for Cadets" is being held up indefinitely, pending the reproduction of photographic inclosure to the regulation.

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BAYARD FLIGHT ENTERTAINS GROUP 765 CADETS

The Bayard Flight entertained cadets from Scottsbluff, Mitchell and Gering at a party and dance on Monday night, 12 December 1949.

The evening got off to a good start by the showing of a film, and between the film and the dance the Bayard Flight Commander, Captain Jack Lewis, introduced the officers and their wives who were guests from the other flights. During this time the cadets made many new acquaintances, with both the officers and the other cadets.

During intermission refreshments--which consisted of sugar cookies with the CAP emblem in red and blue on them, and pop--were served by the Bayard cadets. The party was held at the local V.F.W. hall, and as their snack bar was open the cadets were able to purchase candy and gum.

The party ended at 11:00 PM. We feel that the party was a great success and hope to have more such activities in the future.

Bayard Prepares for Another Snowbound Operation.

In the past few weeks we have been preparing for another snowbound operation if the necessity should arrive. Our commanding officer has assigned to the cadets and other personnel their respective jobs. We are keeping our equipment in perfect order so as to be ready for any emergency that might come without notice.

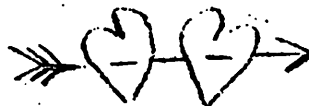
James D. Stockwell
T/Sgt, CAP - PIO

FOUR BAYARD CADETS IN US AIR FORCE

Capt. Jack Lewis, who visited Wing Headquarters this week, stated that four cadets from his flight--Richard Boyer, Walter Keil, Ernie
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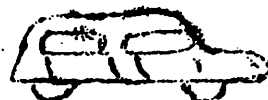
We were sorry to learn of the illness of Lt. Jack Stavneak and send him our wishes for a very speedy recovery.



We have heard from a reliable source that a young 1st Lieutenant from an outstate unit has been paying frequent visits to Omaha to see a young lady who is active in CAP promised not to mention any names, but maybe this warrants further investigation! They were seen together at a hockey game recently.



ARE YOU PERPLEXED AND WONDERING WHEN YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR SENIOR ID CARD???? Cease worrying -- for we have senior papers which have been pending in National Headquarters since the latter part of November. National has run short of identification cards, which explains the delay - but, really, we haven't forgotten all about you new members.



Capt. Bowman is the proud possessor of a shiny new green Pontiac (which does not resemble the sketch ??? above) -- sort of a twin to Major Murphy's new Pontiac.
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Heinie and Hugh Rath -- are now in the U.S. Air Force. Hugh Rath is in AF communications, and Ernie Heinia is active with the CAP in Georgia where he is stationed. Jack Nerud, Bayard cadet who went to the Presidential Dinner in '49, is attending Kemper Military Academy.

NEW POLICY LIMITS AIR SHOW PARTICIPATION

Considerable confusion has always existed in the promotion and promulgation of air shows, especially in the field of participation by Air Force, so a new Department of Defense policy on air shows has been announced by the Secretary, Mr. Louis A. Johnson. It is desired that the widest possible distribution be made of the policy, as outlined below, since squadron, groups and in many cases wings have depended on air shows as a source of promoting the CAP program and raising funds. A reading of the policy quoted below will make it quite clear that participation by the Air Force is going to be extremely limited and proscribed to certain days.

"Air Show policy has been revised by Dept. of Defense. SecDef memorandum for the Secretaries of AF and Navy outlines future policies for military aircraft participation in celebrations, demonstrations and public events.

"Directive goes into effect as of 1 January 1950.....all regulations and directives in conflict with these policies will be amended to conform. Field should make no commitments beyond Jan 1 date unless made in conformance with new policy. Copies of this memorandum were air-mailed to all major command PIOs.. and will be distributed via ordinary mail to other PIOs.

"This standardized policy for both AF and Navy will eliminate many problems which harassed field and headquarters handling of excessive air show requests..and caused strained relations with civic groups. New directive will encourage public to attend "open houses" to see nation's aviation activities.. and will place definite limitation on air participation in civic sponsored events. The curtailing of aircraft demonstrations will eliminate slowing down of training programs.

"Flyovers (where aircraft depart military base, participate and return to base without landing) are limited to civic-sponsored local celebrations of national holidays - specifically Inde-

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SCOTTSBLUFF CAP CADETS HAVE DANCE

Scottsbluff CAP cadets entertained at a dance Monday, Jan. 23, at the Riverview Club near Scottsbluff. Invitations were sent to the other units of the 765th Group; Lt. R. K. Knox, commanding officer, reported.

The dance is the kickoff of the celebration of the anniversary of the Blizzard of '49, and a drive for funds to purchase and maintain CAP equipment. The equipment is used by the Civil Air Patrol during emergencies.

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AIR SHOW PARTICIPATION (cont fr col 1)

pendence Day, Armistice Day, Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day; to memorial services for deceased nationally-recognized military or gov't figures; to celebrations or receptions for prominent representatives of foreign governments; and to nat'l conventions of bona fide major veterans groups.

"Major shows (where participating aircraft are based at station other than home station for duration of event) are limited to those occasions which are primarily designed to encourage the advancement of aviation ... and are of national importance - e.g., National Air Races.

"Open house" air shows (composed of aircraft under command and jurisdiction of echelon sponsoring open house) may be held at such times or occasions as the Chief of Staff, USAF, and the Chief of Naval Operations or their properly designated subordinate COs deem to be in the interest of the Dept. of Defense. Interchange of aircraft between commands for "open house" programs continues to require approval of higher headquarters."

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COL. MUELLER AND STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND MEETING AT SCOTTSBLUFF THIS MONTH

Colonel Rudy Mueller, Wing Commander, and members of his staff met with members of Group 765 at the Scottsbluff Junior College building on Friday night, January 20. Accompanying Col. Mueller from Omaha were Lt. Col. Leonard Heinsen, organization inspector; Major Howard Murphy, operations officer; Lt. Vern Fuller, communications officer; and Capt. Frank Bowman, USAF-CAP Liaison Officer. The men flew from Omaha in a USAF plane and returned Friday night.

About 25 members from Alliance, Bayard, Gering, Kimball, Minatare, Mitchell and Scottsbluff attended the meeting, at which communications, cadet training, flying and administration were discussed.

Plans are being made at the present time by Group 765 for organization of a new unit at Minatare, Nebr.

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MITCHELL INAUGURATES AVIATION COURSE DURING SECOND SEMESTER AT LOCAL SCHOOL

The Mitchell Squadron has placed the CAP aviation course in their high-school effective with the opening of the second semester. Classes started on 17 January and an approximate enrollment of 40 students is anticipated.

Bad weather made it necessary to postpone the meeting of educators scheduled at Grand Island on Jan. 25. Dr. Wilsey, superintendent of the Grand Island schools was to have conferred with Dr. Burkhardt, superintendent of the Norfolk schools; Lt. Niels Wodder and Major Howard Murphy, both of Norfolk; and Lt. Col. L. J. Heinsen; Capt. Bowman and Lt. Coleman. Grand Island is contemplating placing the aviation course in their schools with the fall term.

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IOWA HAS NEW WING COMMANDER

Major Harold E. McKinney is now acting Wing Commander of the Iowa Wing, vice Col. W.O. Fuller, CAP Reserve.

PROP WASH (cont. and concluded and aren't you glad)

M/Sgt. Richard V. Cryderman has returned from sunny (f) California, where he spent the Christmas holidays at his home in Temple City, New Year's Eve in San Francisco and an undetermined length of time at Santa Anita. He saw Betty Grable and Harry James at S.A., incidently. Welcome back, airman!

We've heard nothing further about a CAP bowling league here in Omaha. However, Capt. B. and Sgt. C. are on the noontime bowling league scheduled here on the 7th floor, Federal Building. Captain Bowman (on the "Bouncers" team) scored 218 and 202 recently! Sgt. Cryderman (a "Hotshot") scored 181, we understand. We still think a CAP league would be a good deal

Capt. Amrine of the Lexington Flight recently sent this headquarters a group of very good photographs, showing cadets and seniors of his unit working on the L-4 aircraft assigned to Lexington. The pictures, which have been forwarded to National to use for publicity purposes, include groups of cadets Clifford Barnes, LaVerne Barnes, Robert Brummet, Shirley Brummet, Robert Westervelt, Paul Casper, and Barbara Mansir; and seniors Herschel Amrine and John Hinds. One of the photographs appeared in the December 15th issue of the Dawson County Herald.

Sympathies are extended to Sgt. Patricia Sires, who fell on the ice and suffered a fractured collarbone. Tough luck, Pat.

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WING OFFICERS VISIT AINSWORTH

Wing officers--Lt. Col. Heinsen, Lt. Fuller and W/O Robert Beck, Commandant of Nebr. Communications Flight--flew to Ainsworth on Jan. 22 to help install a radio set there.